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SUPERNUMERARY HAIR CELLS AND DEITTERS' CELLS
IN THE DEVELOPING ORGAN OF CORTI**

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This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated June 24, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application. To make this response timely, Applicants concurrently have filed a Petition for Extension of Time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

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